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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8, 10 and 11 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1, 7 and 10 are allowable over the references of record because none of these references discloses or can be combined to yield the claimed invention which includes a tunnel barrier layer of antiferromagnetic material formed between the magnetization pinned layer of ferromagnetic material and the emitter of between the collector and the magnetization pinned layer of ferromagnetic material and provided with an exchange coupling with an adjoining one of the magnetization pinned layer of ferromagnetic material, the tunnel barrier layer being dielectric and tunnel conductive and the magnetization of the magnetization pinned layer of ferromagnetic material being fixed by the exchange coupling between the magnetization pinned layer of ferromagnetic material and the tunnel barrier of anti ferromagnetic material.

Claims 2-6, 8, and 11 contain allowable subject matter by virtue of their dependency.

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